GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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OVERHAULING OF MiG AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made arrangements for overhauling of MiG-23, MiG-25, MiG-27 and MiG-29 fighter aircraft in the country itself;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be saved each year as a result of making arrangements for overhauling of the said fighter aircraft in the country itself?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. Overhaul facilities for MiG-23, MiG-27 and MiG-29 aircraft have been set up in the country, but not for MiG-25.

(b) MiG-23 and MiG-29 aircraft are being overhauled at 11 Base Repair Depot (BRD), Nasik since 1988 and 1997 respectively. For MiG-25 aircraft, overhaul facilities have not been set up in India as their inventory is very low. Hence, setting up overhaul facilities is uneconomical. For MiG-27 aircraft. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has established overhaul facilities.

(c) As estimated by Air Headquarters and HAL, foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 986.84 crores has been saved by overhauling these aircraft in India.